

**AUTOMATICALLY INITIATING AN INSTANT MESSAGING ACTION WHEN A
SUBSCRIBER'S AVAILABILITY STATUS CHANGES**

ABSTRACT

An instant messaging method can include the step of selecting at least one subscriber of an instant messaging service. The subscriber can be in an inactive state in regards to receiving instant messaging communications. At least one action can be designated for an instant messaging client to automatically perform. The subscriber can be monitored for a state change to an active state. The state change can be automatically detected. The designated action can be automatically executed responsive to the detection of the state change.